

A photograph of a railway track stretching into the distance under a blue sky with white clouds. The track is made of metal rails and wooden sleepers, set on a bed of gravel. The surrounding landscape is a flat, green field with some bushes and trees in the far distance. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds.

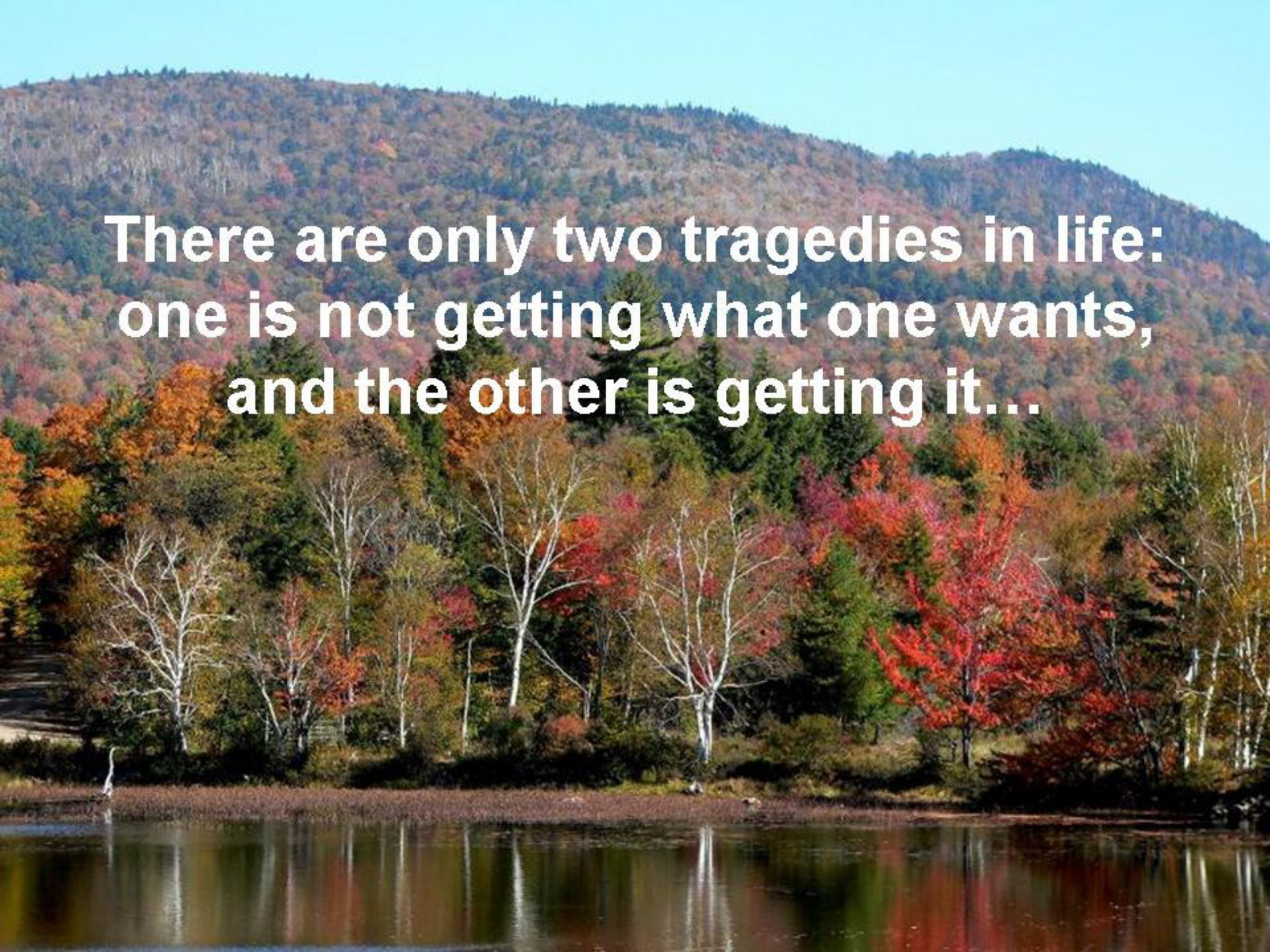
Oscar Wilde
said...



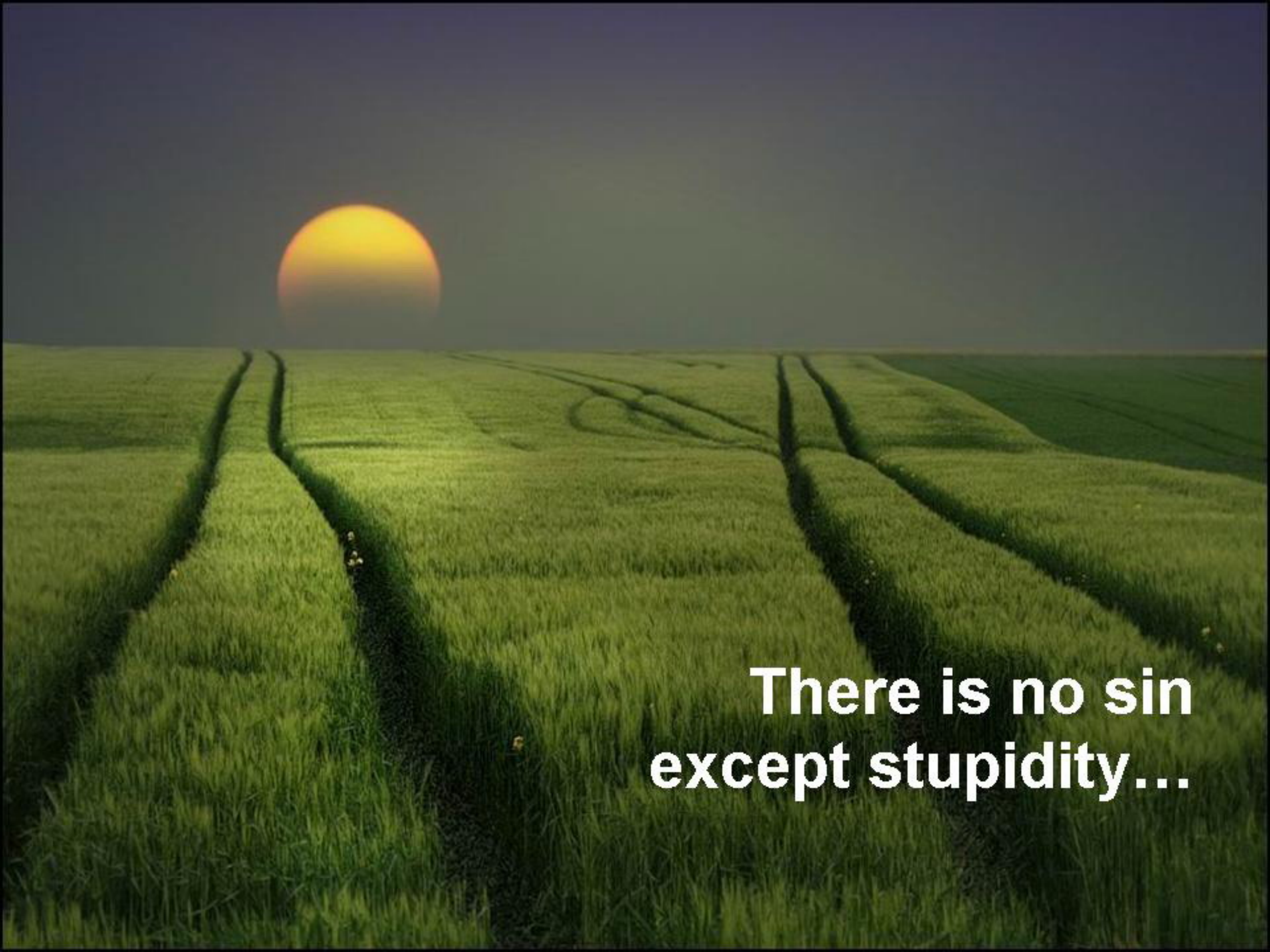
**The pure and simple truth
is rarely pure
and never simple...**



**Life is never fair,
and perhaps
it is a good thing for most of us
that it is not...**




**There are only two tragedies in life:
one is not getting what one wants,
and the other is getting it...**



**There is no sin
except stupidity...**



**When the gods
wish to punish us
they answer our prayers...**

A landscape photograph featuring a winding concrete path that leads from the foreground into a vast field of red poppies. The field stretches to the horizon under a dramatic sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon and clouds in shades of orange and yellow. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.


**A cynic is a man who knows
the price of everything
but the value of nothing...**



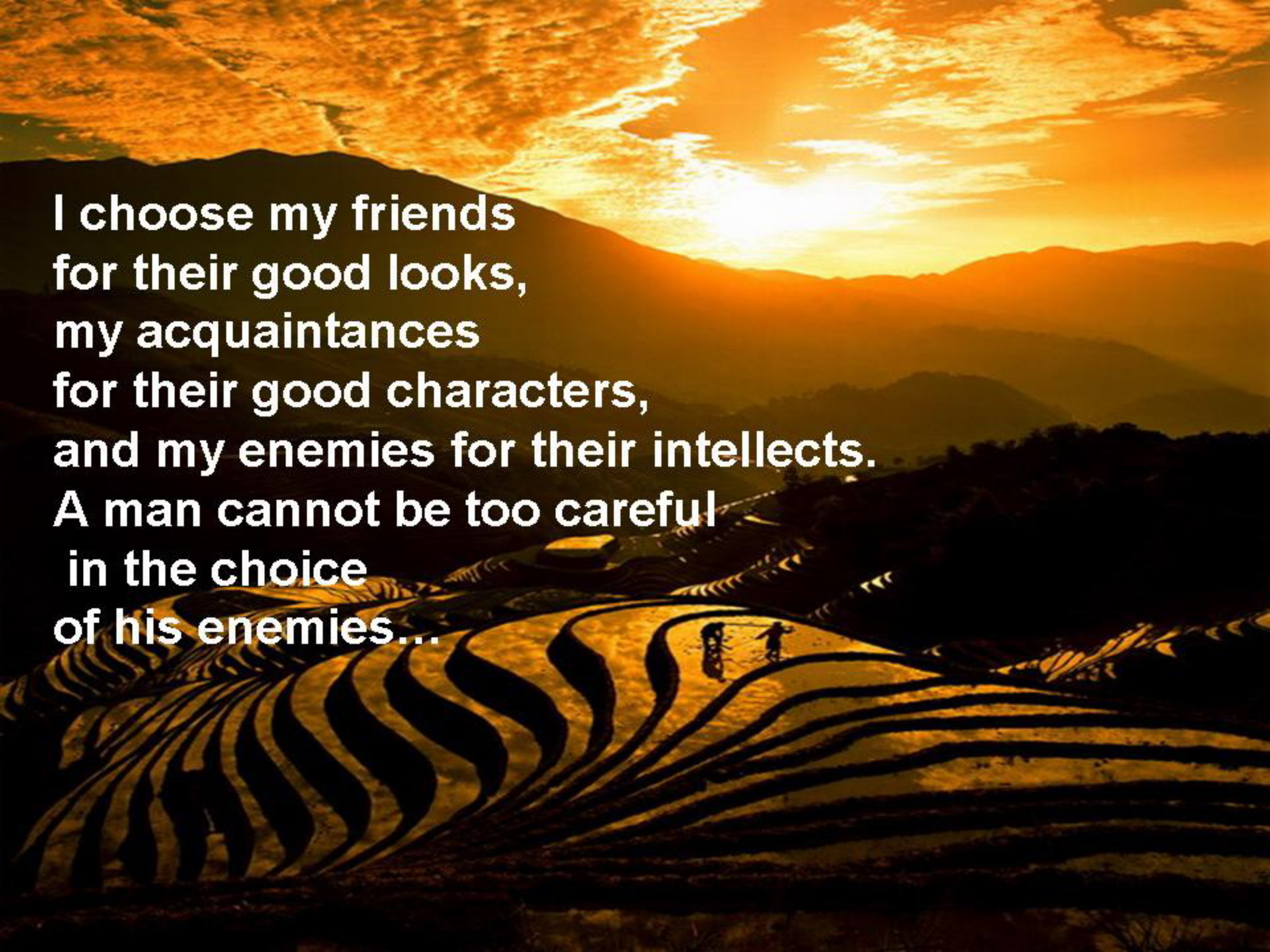
**A gentleman is one
who never hurts
anyone's feelings
unintentionally...**



A dreamer is one
who can only find his way
by moonlight,
and his punishment is
that he sees the dawn
before the rest of the world...



**A little sincerity
is a dangerous thing,
and a great deal of it
is absolutely fatal...**

The background image is a landscape photograph taken during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon behind a range of dark, silhouetted mountains. In the foreground and middle ground, there are terraced fields, likely for rice cultivation, which are illuminated by the warm light of the sun, creating a rhythmic pattern of light and shadow. Two small figures of people can be seen walking on one of the terraces. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.


**I choose my friends
for their good looks,
my acquaintances
for their good characters,
and my enemies for their intellects.
A man cannot be too careful
in the choice
of his enemies...**

A person is kayaking on a calm lake at sunset. The sun is a large, bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a long, golden light across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange. The water is dark, with the golden light reflecting off its surface. The person on the kayak is small and silhouetted against the bright light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

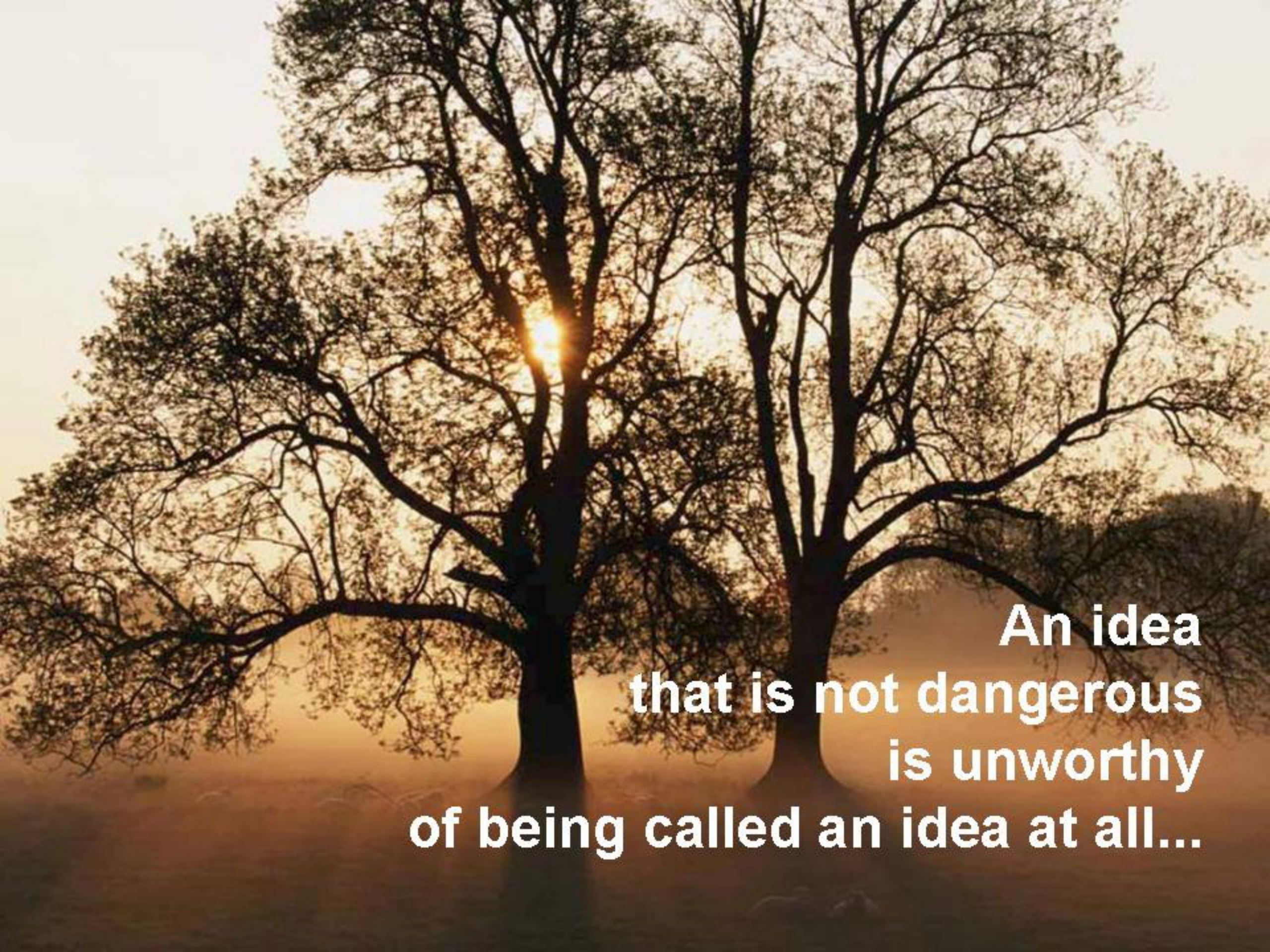
**Always forgive your enemies;
nothing annoys them
so much...**

**Ambition is the last refuge
of the failure...**

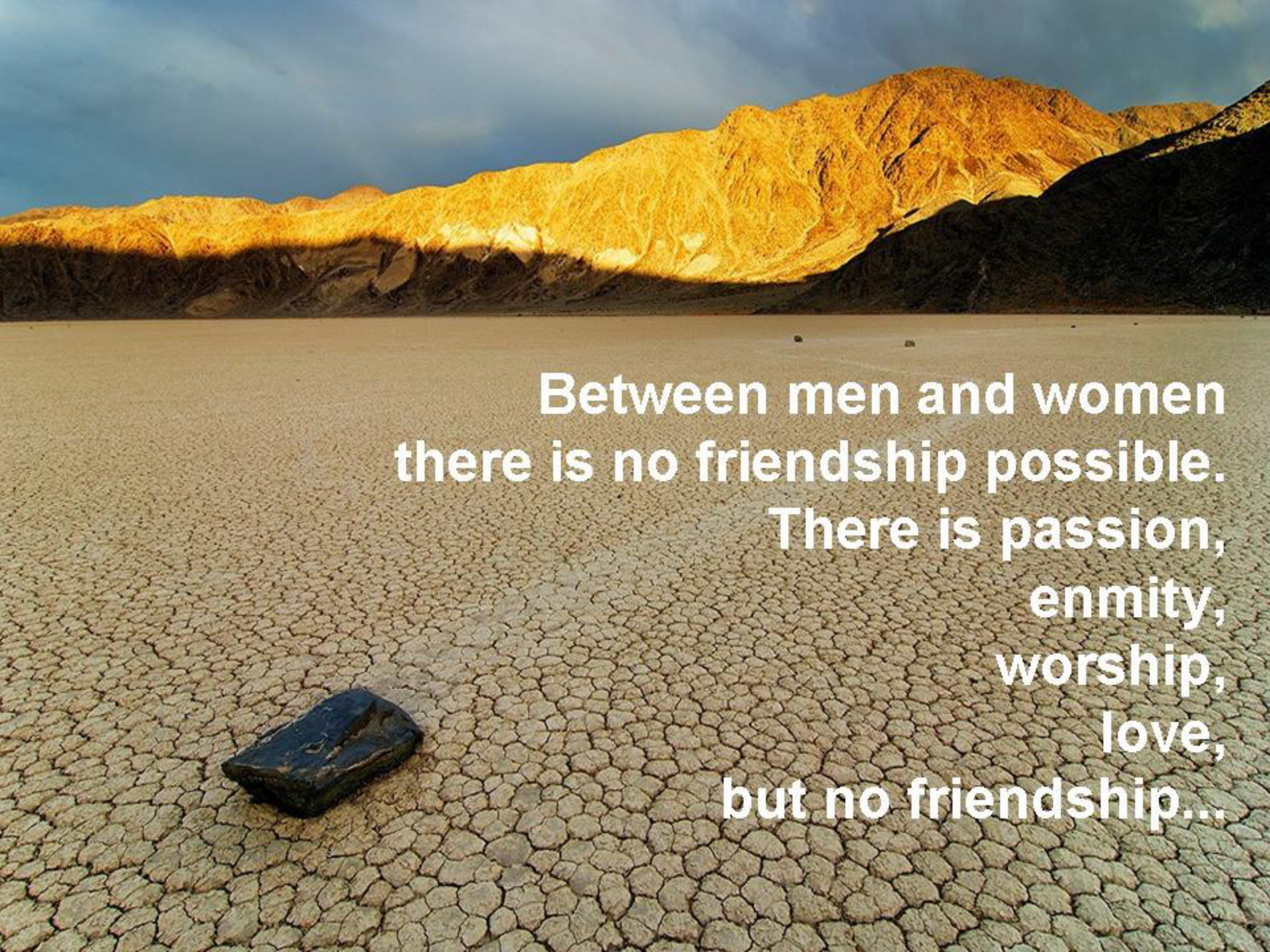


A photograph of a paved road winding through a forest. The road is wet and reflects the light. On the left side of the road, there is a small tree with a pink and white striped trunk. The forest is dense with tall trees, some with green needles and others with yellowing leaves. A bright rainbow is visible in the distance, arching over the road. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

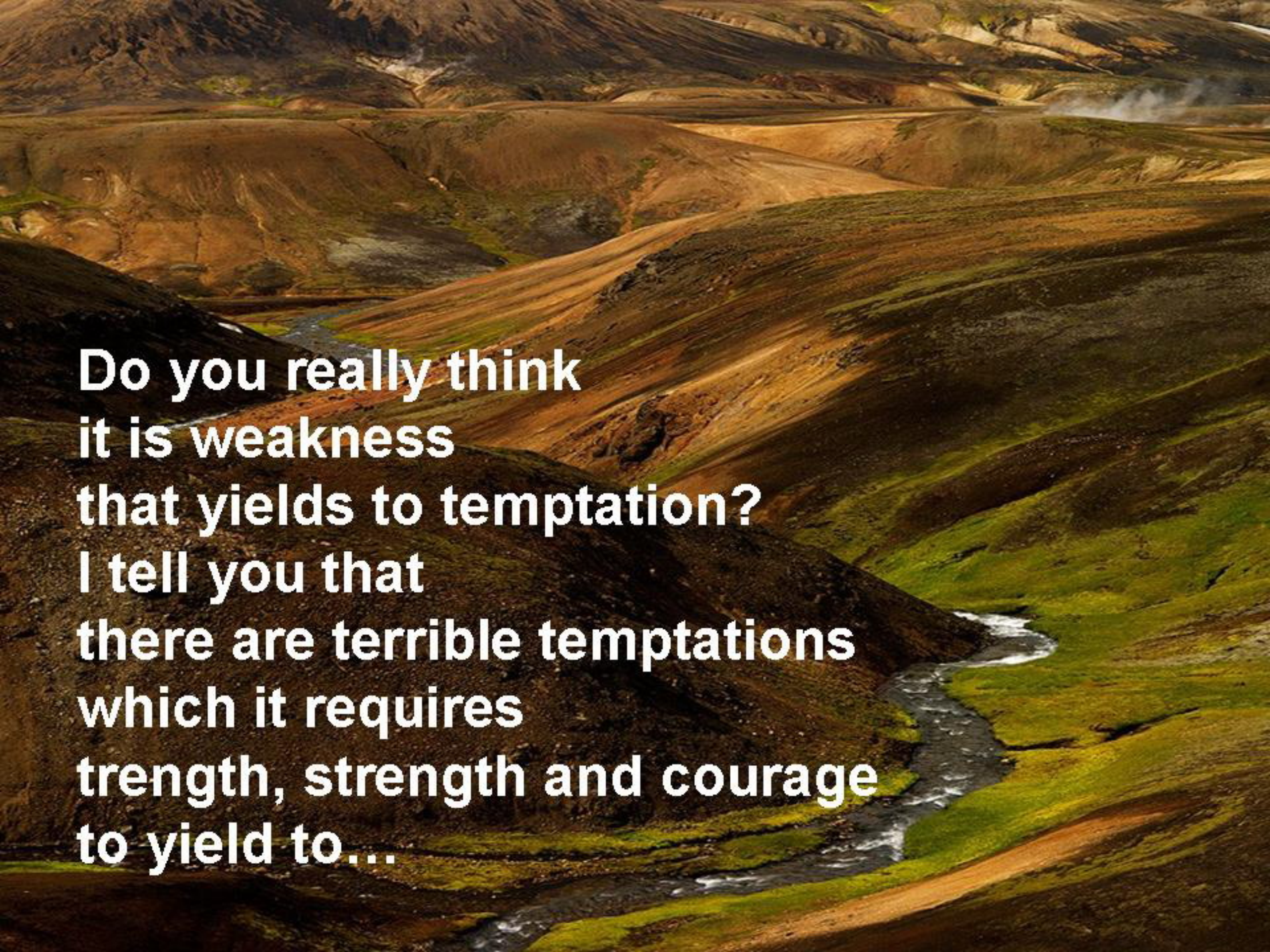
**An excellent man!!!
he has no enemies...
and none of his friends
like him....**



**An idea
that is not dangerous
is unworthy
of being called an idea at all...**



Between men and women
there is no friendship possible.
There is passion,
enmity,
worship,
love,
but no friendship...



**Do you really think
it is weakness
that yields to temptation?
I tell you that
there are terrible temptations
which it requires
trength, strength and courage
to yield to...**

**Deceiving others...
That is what the
world calls
a romance...**



**Every saint has a past
and every sinner
has a future...**

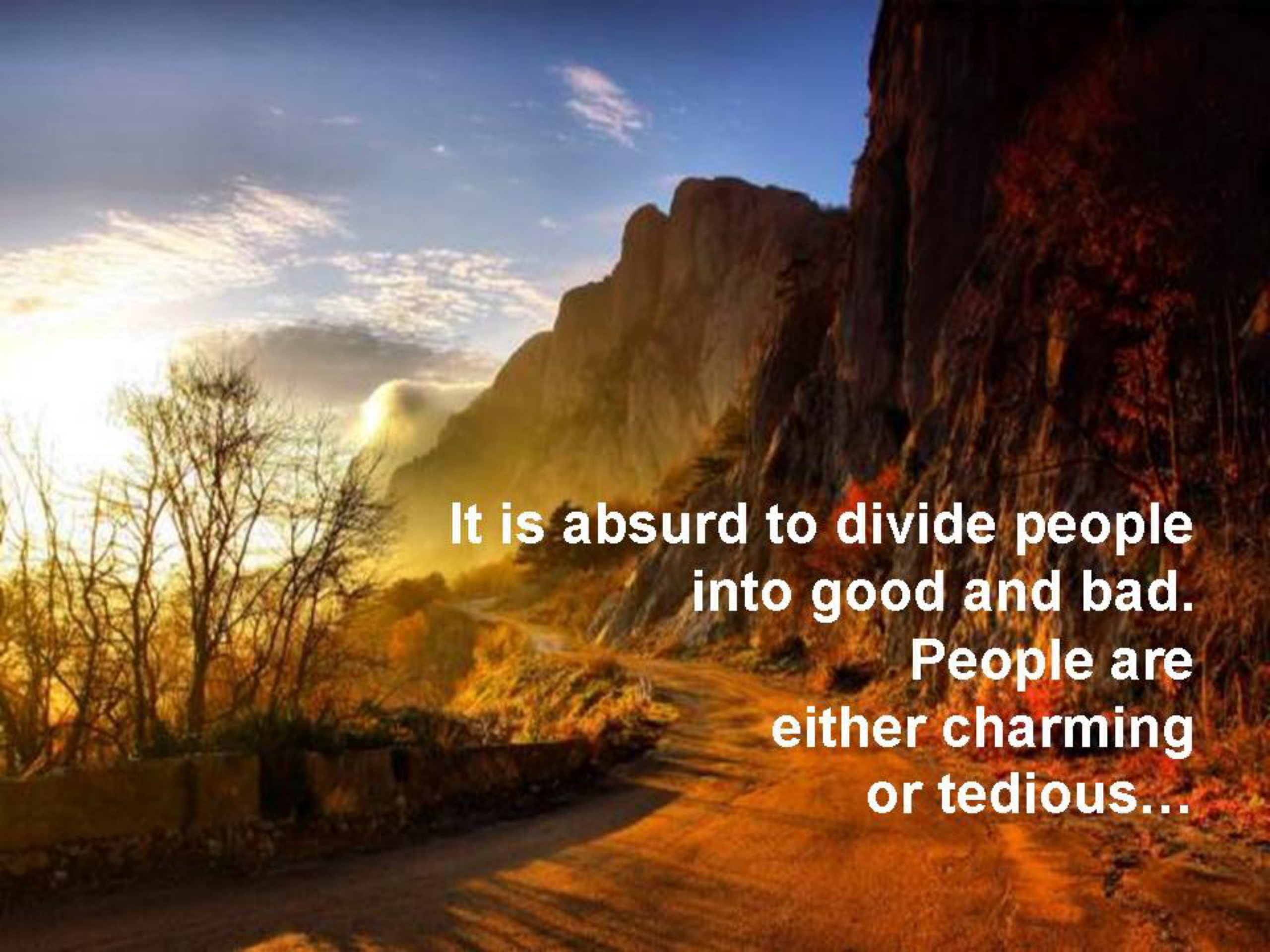


A landscape photograph featuring a vast field of golden-brown grass in the foreground. In the middle ground, there's a small body of water and a line of trees. Dominating the sky is a large, white, mushroom-shaped cumulus cloud, with a smaller, similar cloud to its left. The sky is a deep blue with some wispy clouds. The text "Illusion is the first of all pleasures..." is overlaid in white at the bottom.


**Illusion is the first
of all pleasures...**



**It is always
the unreadable
that occurs...**

A scenic landscape featuring a winding road that curves through a valley. The road is flanked by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak rises against a sky filled with soft, white clouds. A bright sunburst effect emanates from behind the mountain, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene. The overall atmosphere is serene and picturesque.

**It is absurd to divide people
into good and bad.
People are
either charming
or tedious...**

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow that reflects on the water and the pier. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. A concrete pier extends from the foreground into the water. At the end of the pier, two small figures are silhouetted against the bright light of the sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Nothing can cure the soul
but the senses,
just as nothing can cure the senses
but the soul...



**It is better to have
a permanent income
than to be fascinating...**

**Laughter is not at all
a bad beginning
for a friendship,
and it is far
the best ending
for one...**





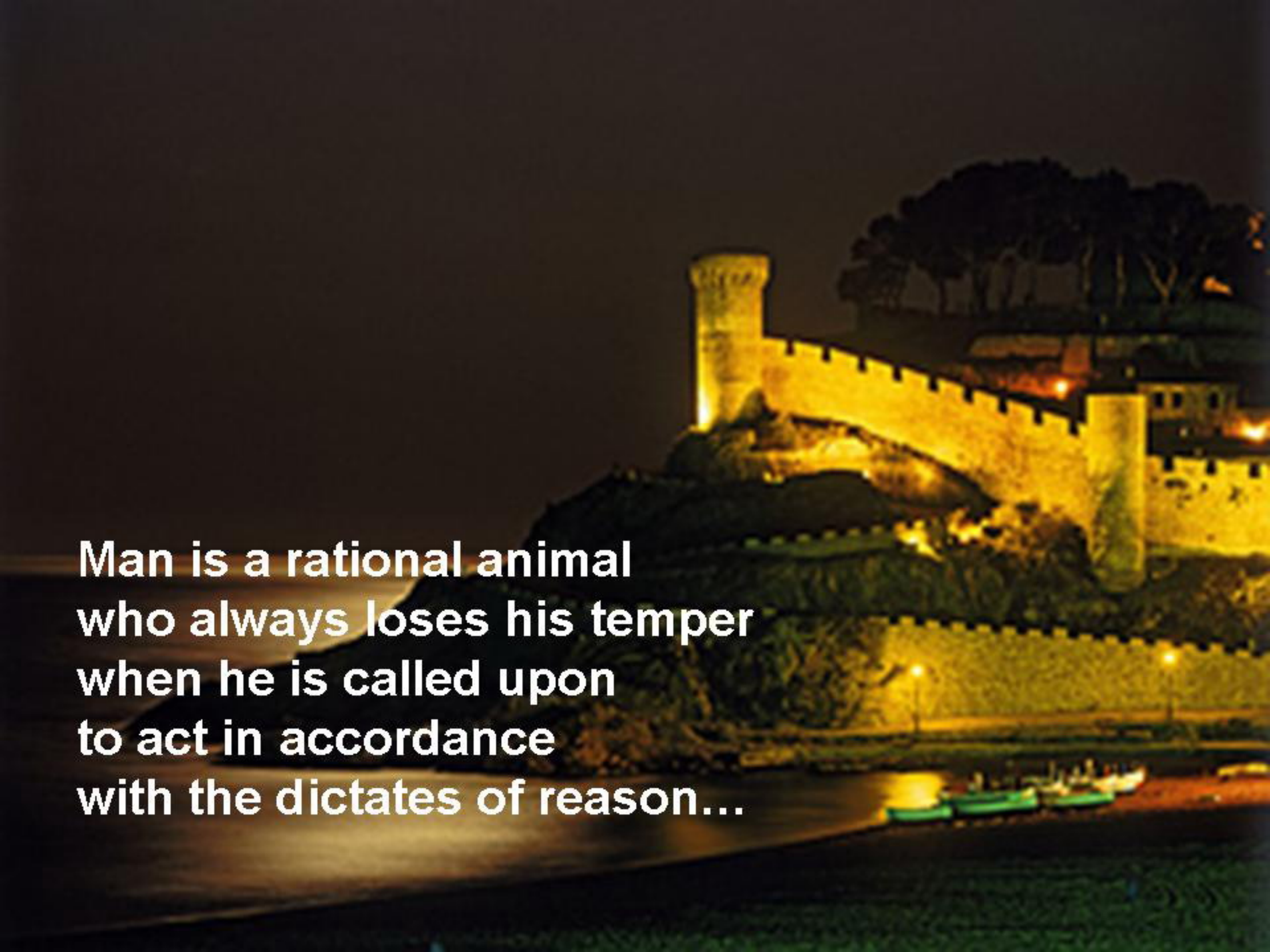
**No man
is rich enough
to buy back
his past...**



Questions are never
indiscreet,
answers sometimes are...



Seriousness
is the only refuge
of the shallow...



Man is a rational animal
who always loses his temper
when he is called upon
to act in accordance
with the dictates of reason...

A military helicopter is shown in flight over a rugged, snow-covered mountain range. The helicopter is firing a large salvo of rockets, which are trailing bright orange flames and thick white smoke. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the power and scale of the operation. The text "Success is a science; you have the conditions, you get the result..." is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

Success is a science;
you have the conditions,
you get the result...

**The basis of optimism
is sheer terror...**

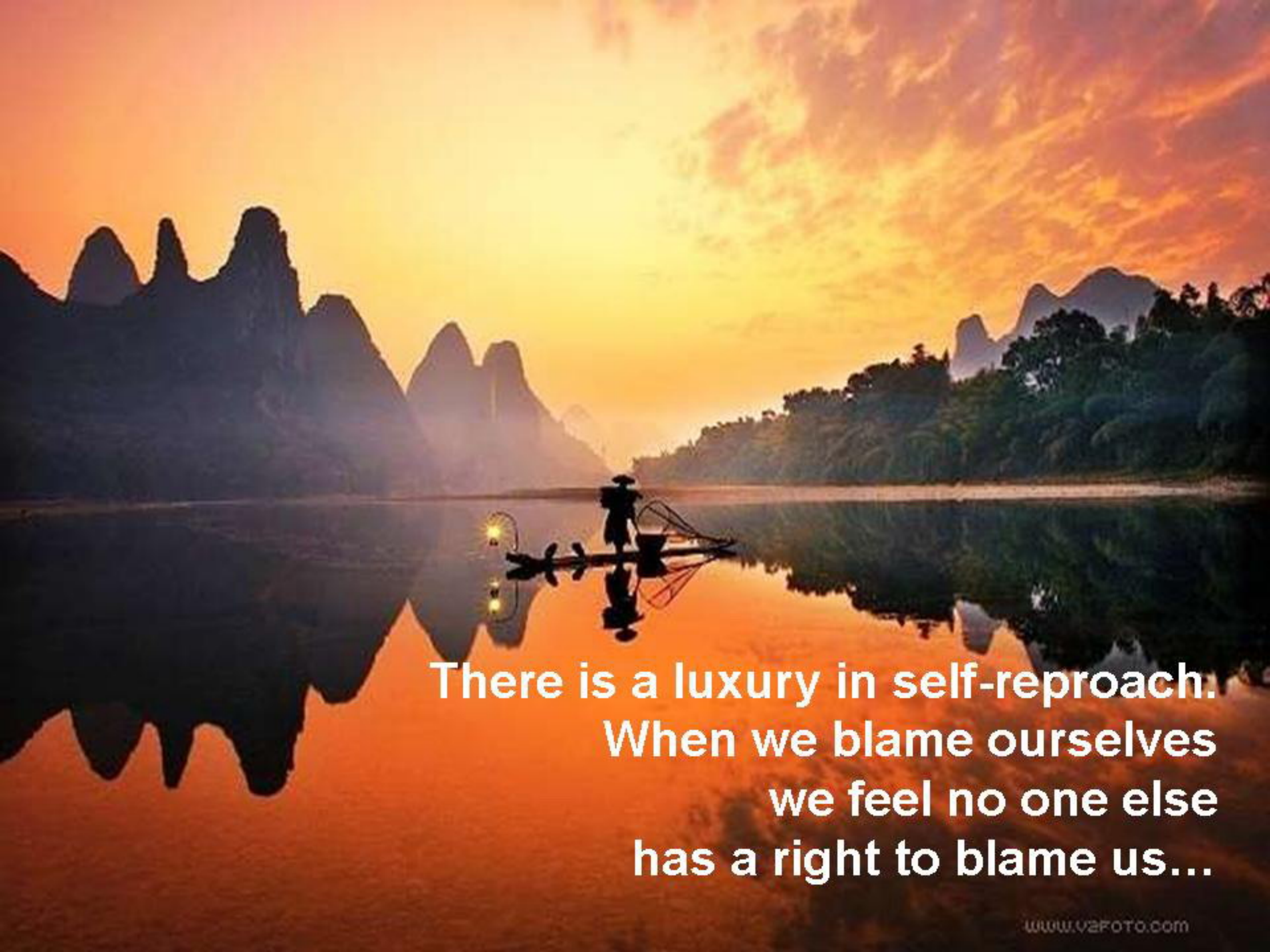


**The imagination imitates.
It is the critical spirit
that creates...**





**The public is
wonderfully tolerant.
It forgives everything
except genius...**



**There is a luxury in self-reproach.
When we blame ourselves
we feel no one else
has a right to blame us...**



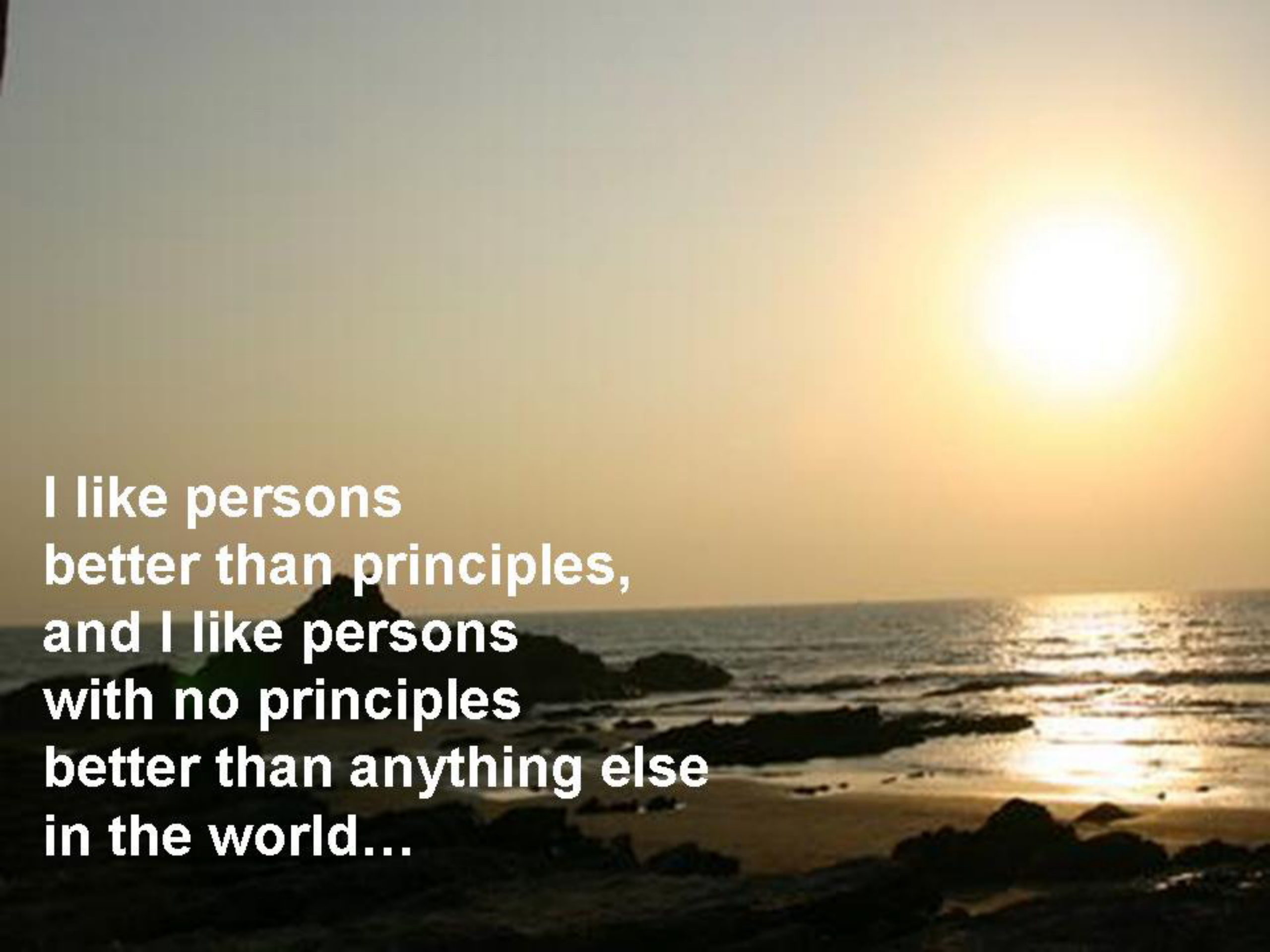
There is always
something infinitely
mean
about other people's
tragedies...

**The world is a stage,
but the play is badly cast...**





**One should always
play fairly
when one has
the winning cards...**

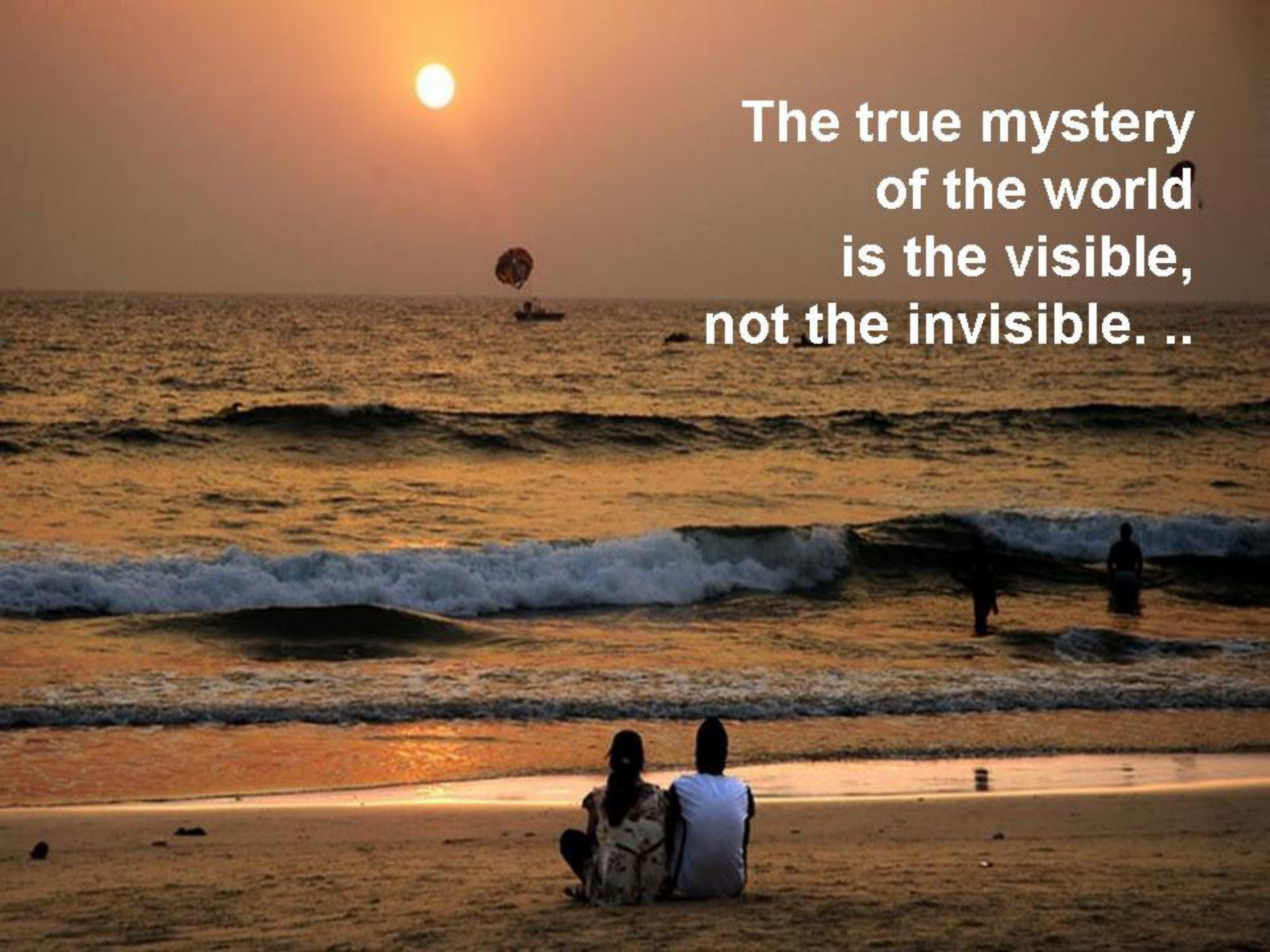


**I like persons
better than principles,
and I like persons
with no principles
better than anything else
in the world...**

**It is better to be beautiful
than to be good...
But... it is better to be good
than to be ugly...**



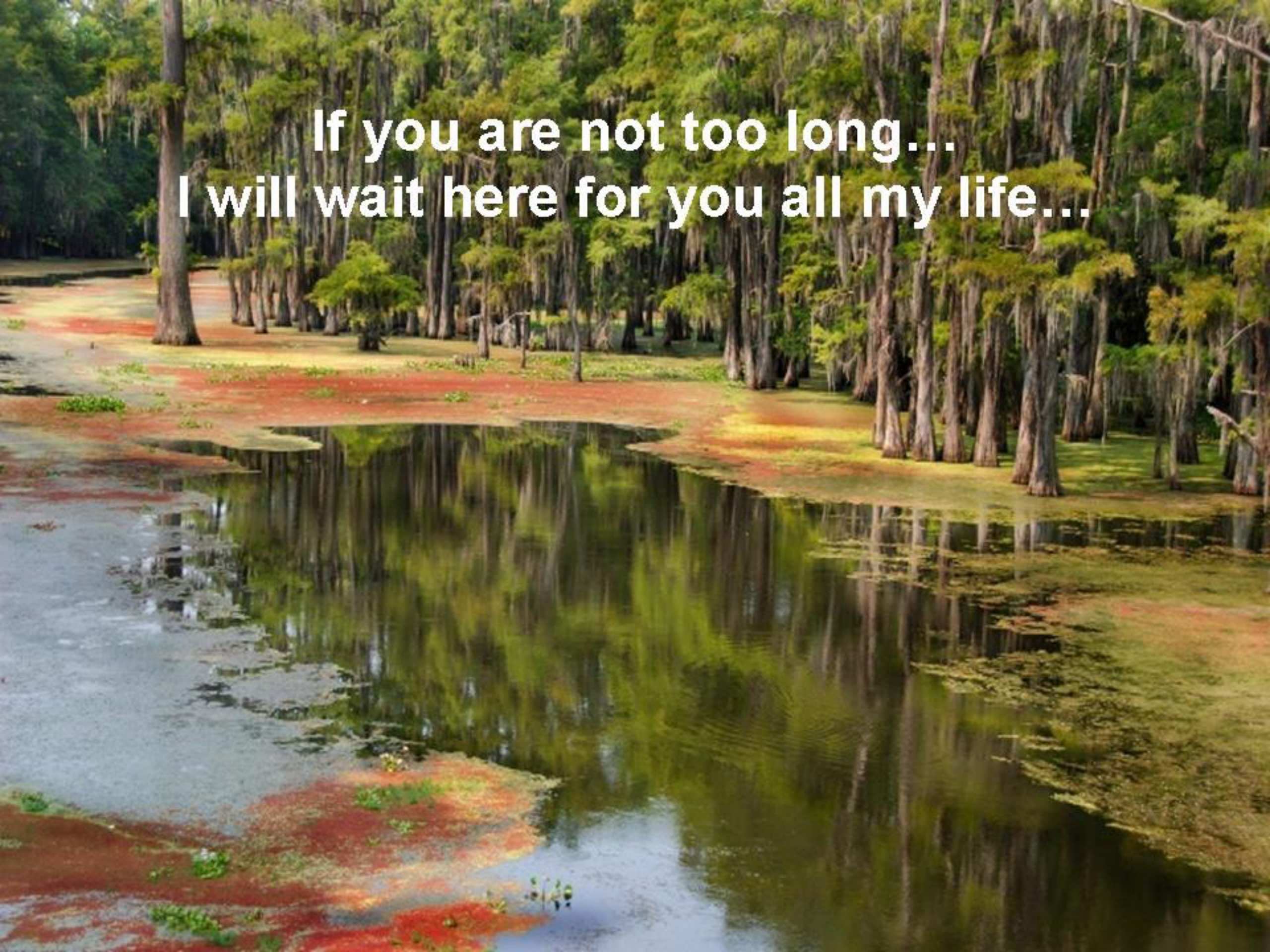
**The true mystery
of the world
is the visible,
not the invisible. ..**



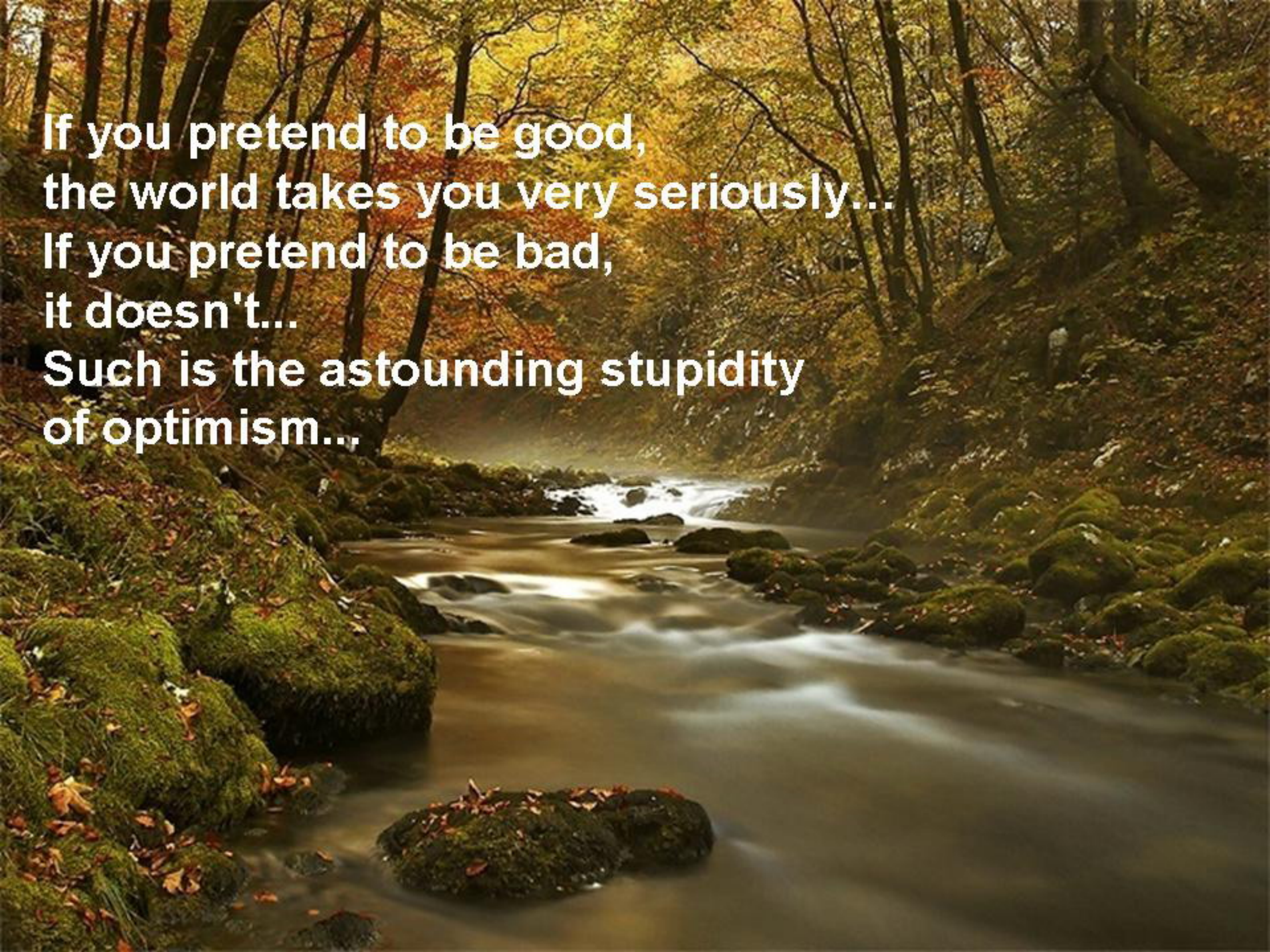


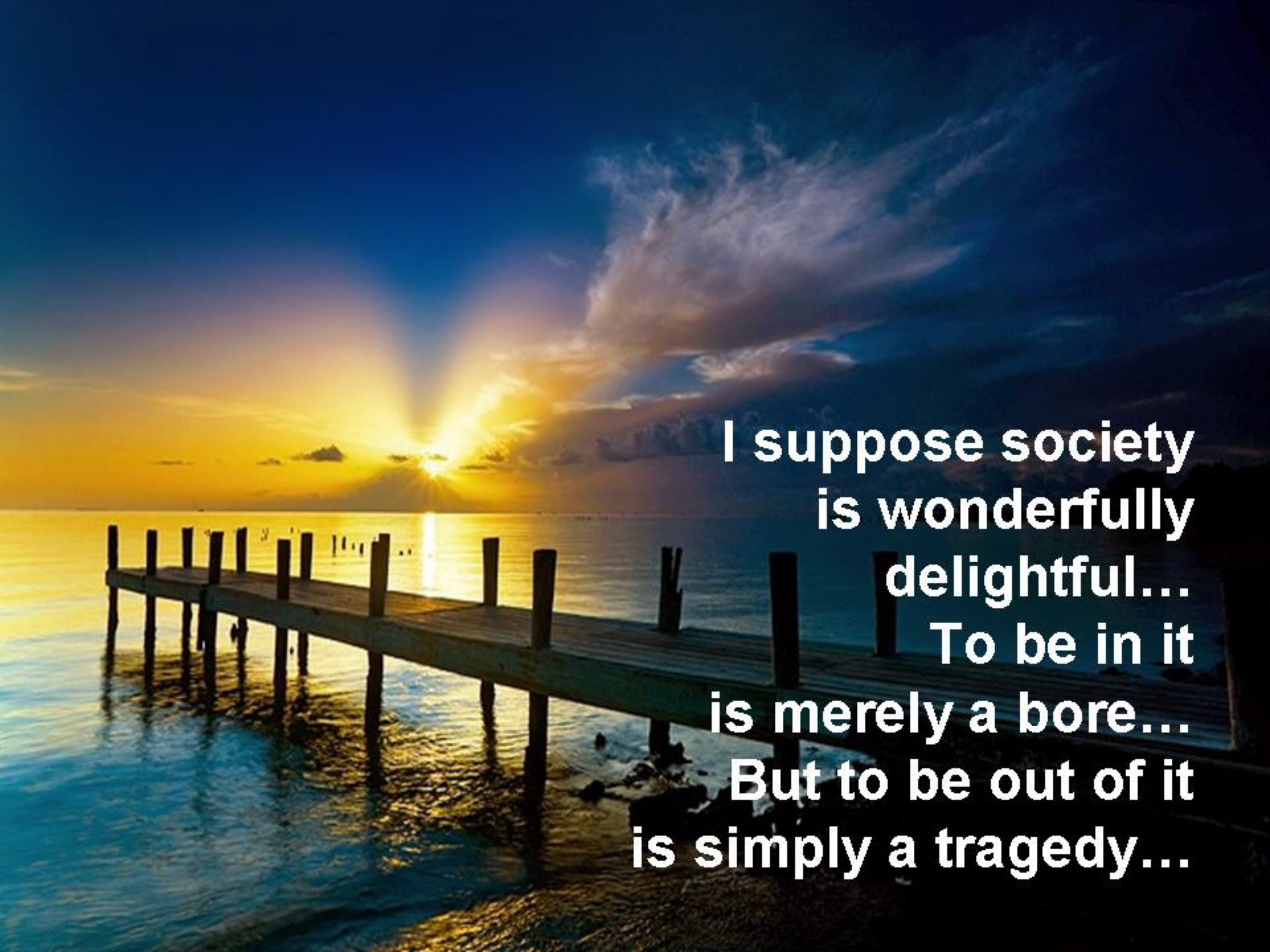
**In America
the President reigns
for four years
and Journalism
governs
forever and ever...**

**If you are not too long...
I will wait here for you all my life...**



If you pretend to be good,
the world takes you very seriously...
If you pretend to be bad,
it doesn't...
Such is the astounding stupidity
of optimism...



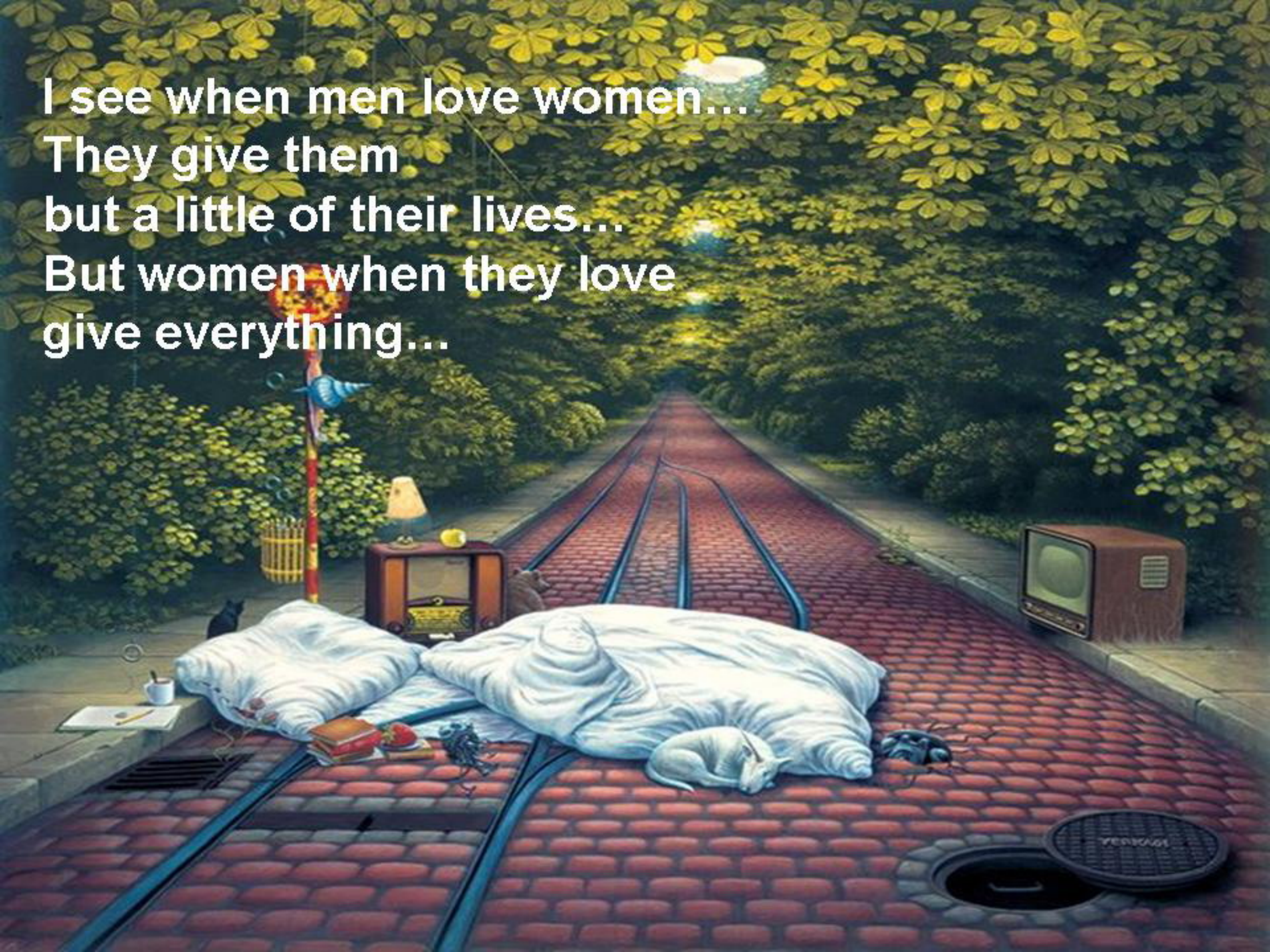
A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is a deep blue with some wispy clouds. In the foreground, a wooden pier with several vertical posts extends from the bottom left towards the center of the frame. The water is calm, and the overall mood is serene and contemplative.

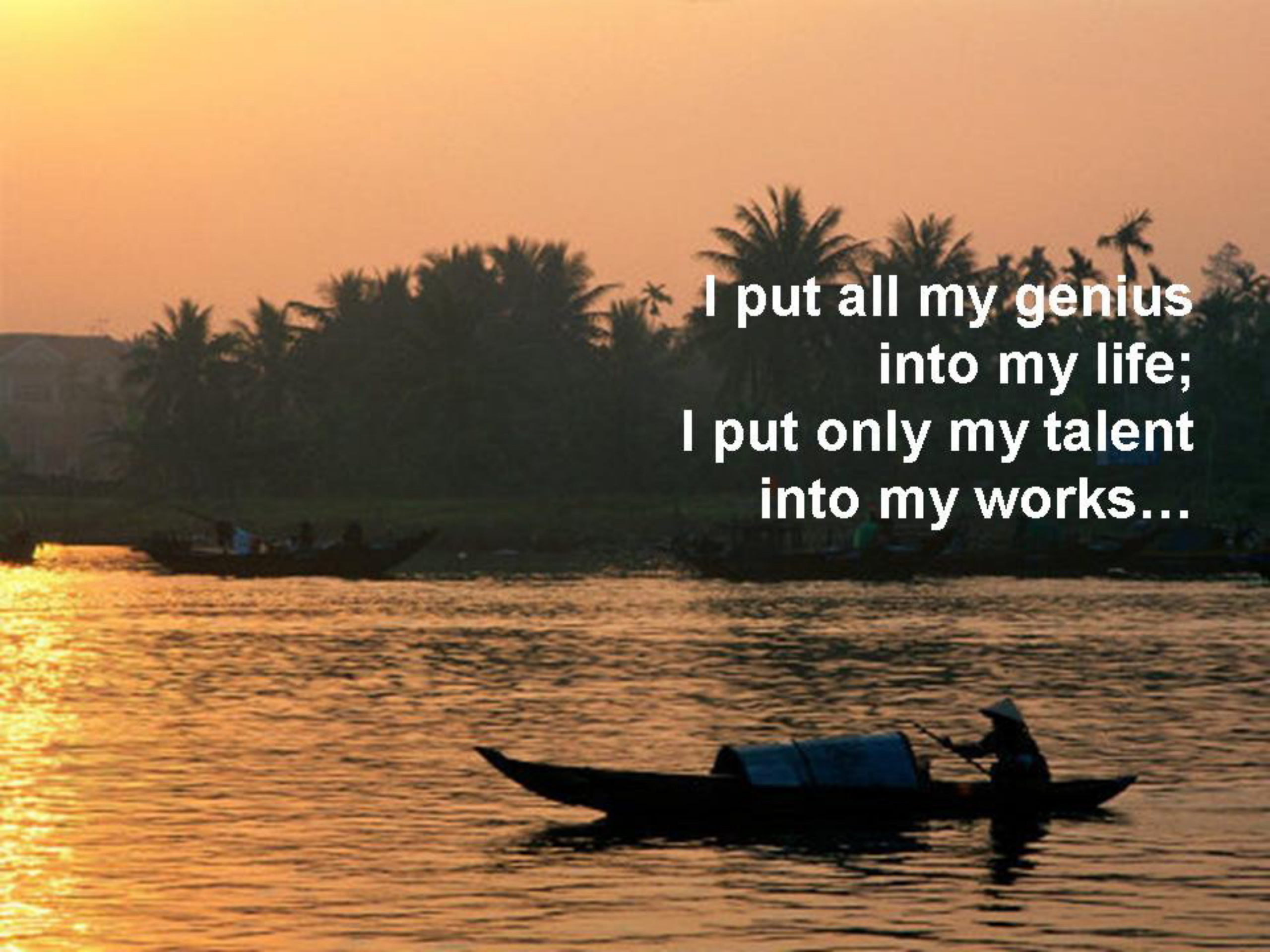
**I suppose society
is wonderfully
delightful...
To be in it
is merely a bore...
But to be out of it
is simply a tragedy...**



**I think that God,
in creating man,
somewhat overestimated his ability...**

I see when men love women...
They give them
but a little of their lives...
But women when they love
give everything...



A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sky is a warm, hazy orange. In the background, a dense line of palm trees is silhouetted against the sky. The water's surface is covered in shimmering, golden reflections from the setting sun. In the foreground, a person wearing a traditional conical hat is seated in a small, dark boat, moving across the water. Another boat is visible further back on the left side of the frame.

**I put all my genius
into my life;
I put only my talent
into my works...**

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**I can stand brute force,
but brute reason
is quite unbearable...
There is something unfair
about its use...
It is hitting
below the intellect...**

Experience
is simply
the name
we give
to our mistakes...



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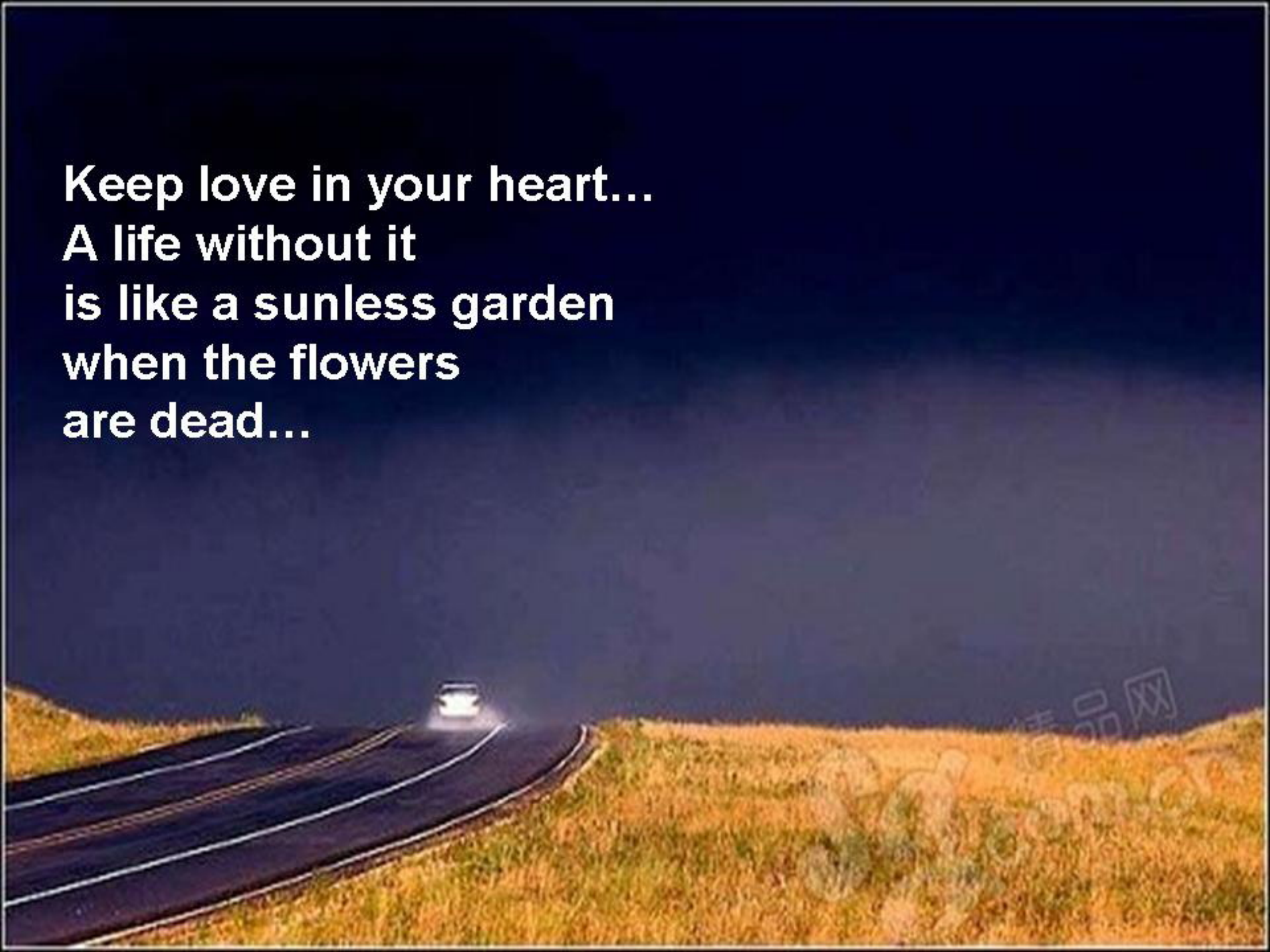
A photograph of a long, curved staircase with metal railings, leading up to a person standing at the top. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds. The text "I can resist everything except temptation..." is overlaid in white on the lower part of the image.

**I can resist everything
except temptation...**




**I am so clever that sometimes
I don't understand a single word
of what I am saying...**

**Keep love in your heart...
A life without it
is like a sunless garden
when the flowers
are dead...**



**I am the only person in the world
I should like to know thoroughly...**



A photograph of a lighthouse at sunset. The lighthouse is a white tower with a dark, ornate lantern room on top. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with soft, orange clouds. The text "Charity creates multitude of sins..." is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

**Charity creates
multitude of sins...**

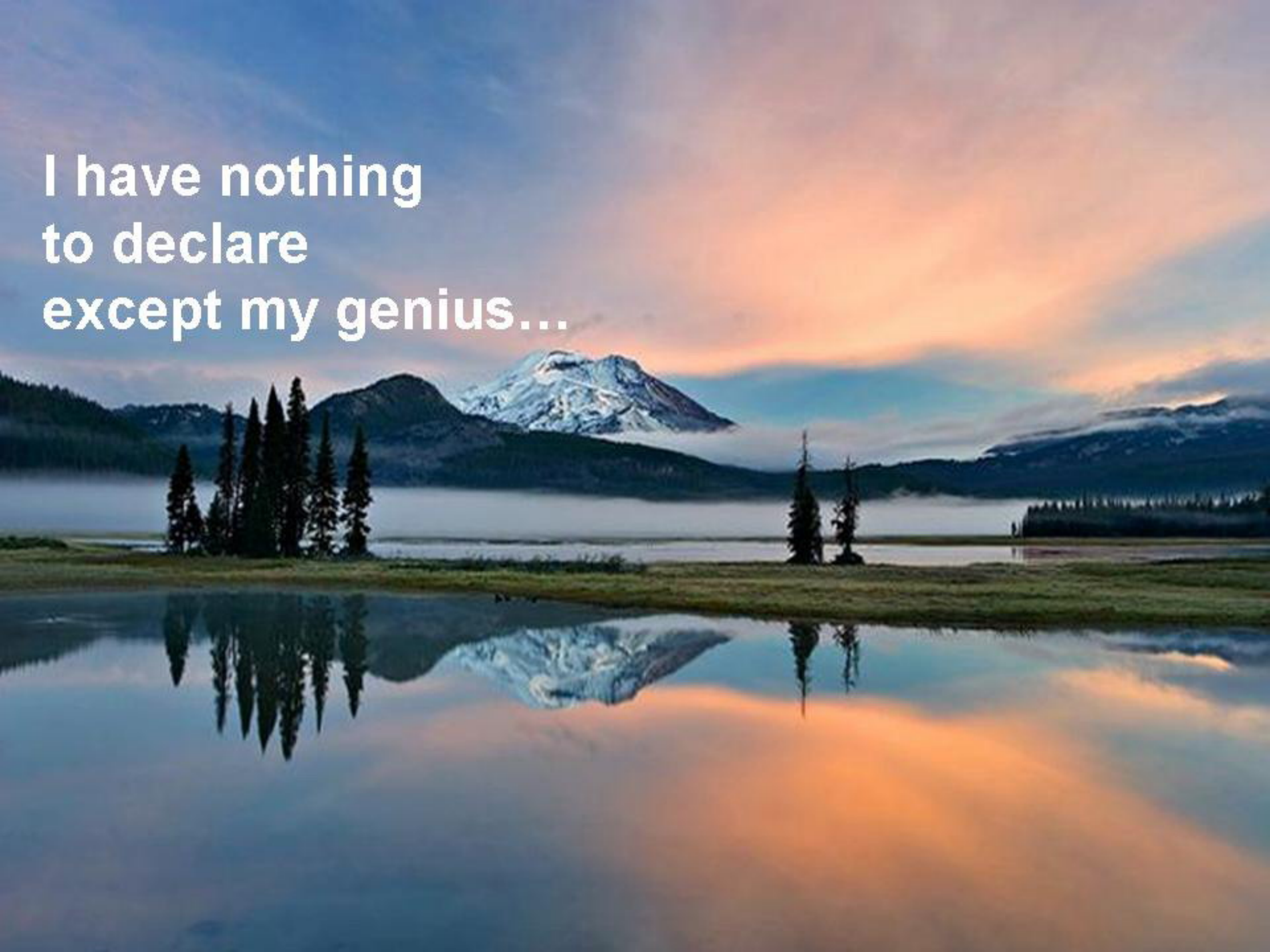
**Consistency is the last refuge
of the unimaginative...**



**I have the simplest tastes...
I am always satisfied with the best...**

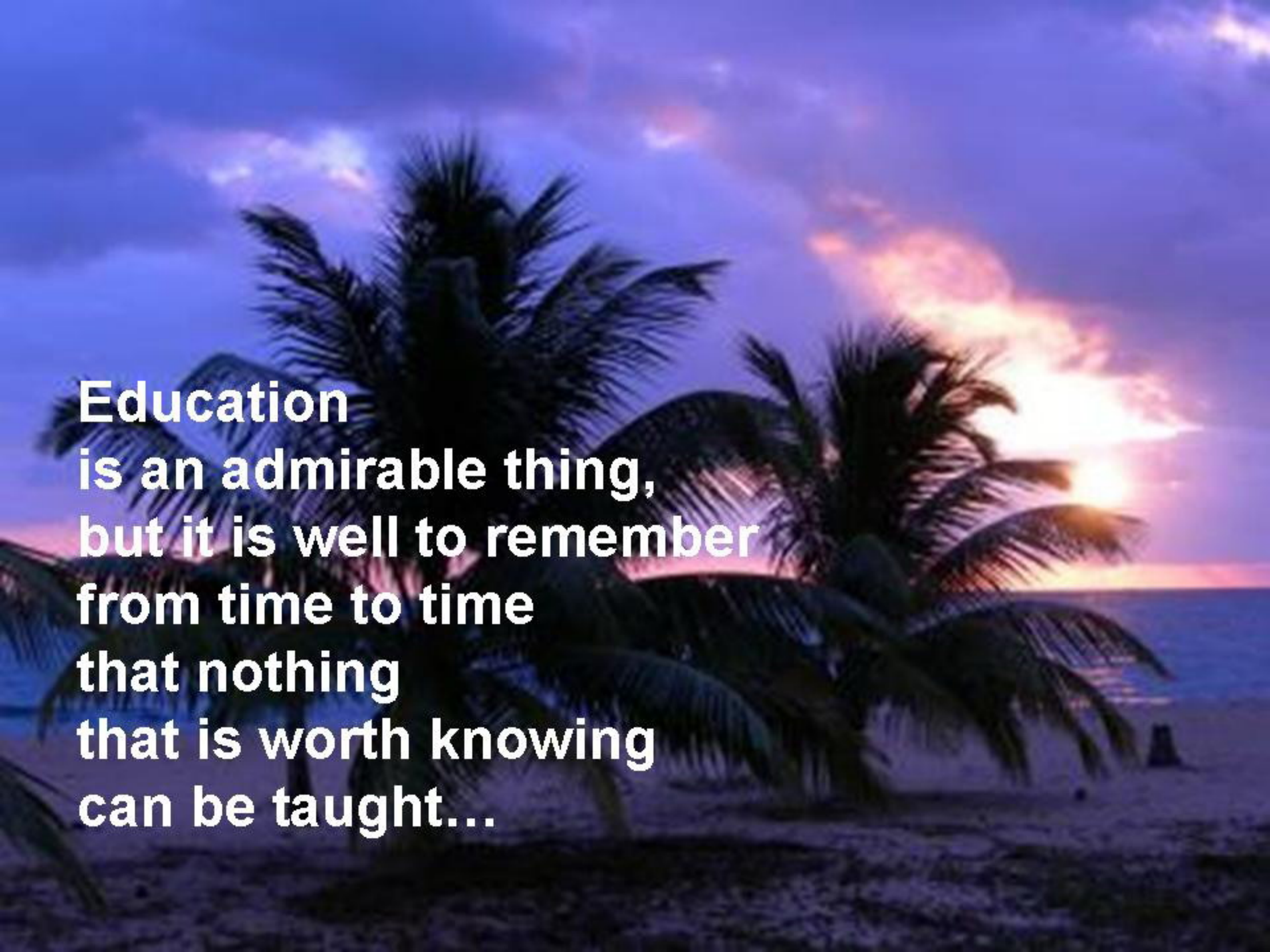


**I have nothing
to declare
except my genius...**





**Democracy
means simply
the bludgeoning
of the people
by the people
for the people...**

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a beach. The sky is a mix of purple, blue, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. Several palm trees are silhouetted against the sky. The beach is visible in the foreground, and the ocean is in the background.

**Education
is an admirable thing,
but it is well to remember
from time to time
that nothing
that is worth knowing
can be taught...**



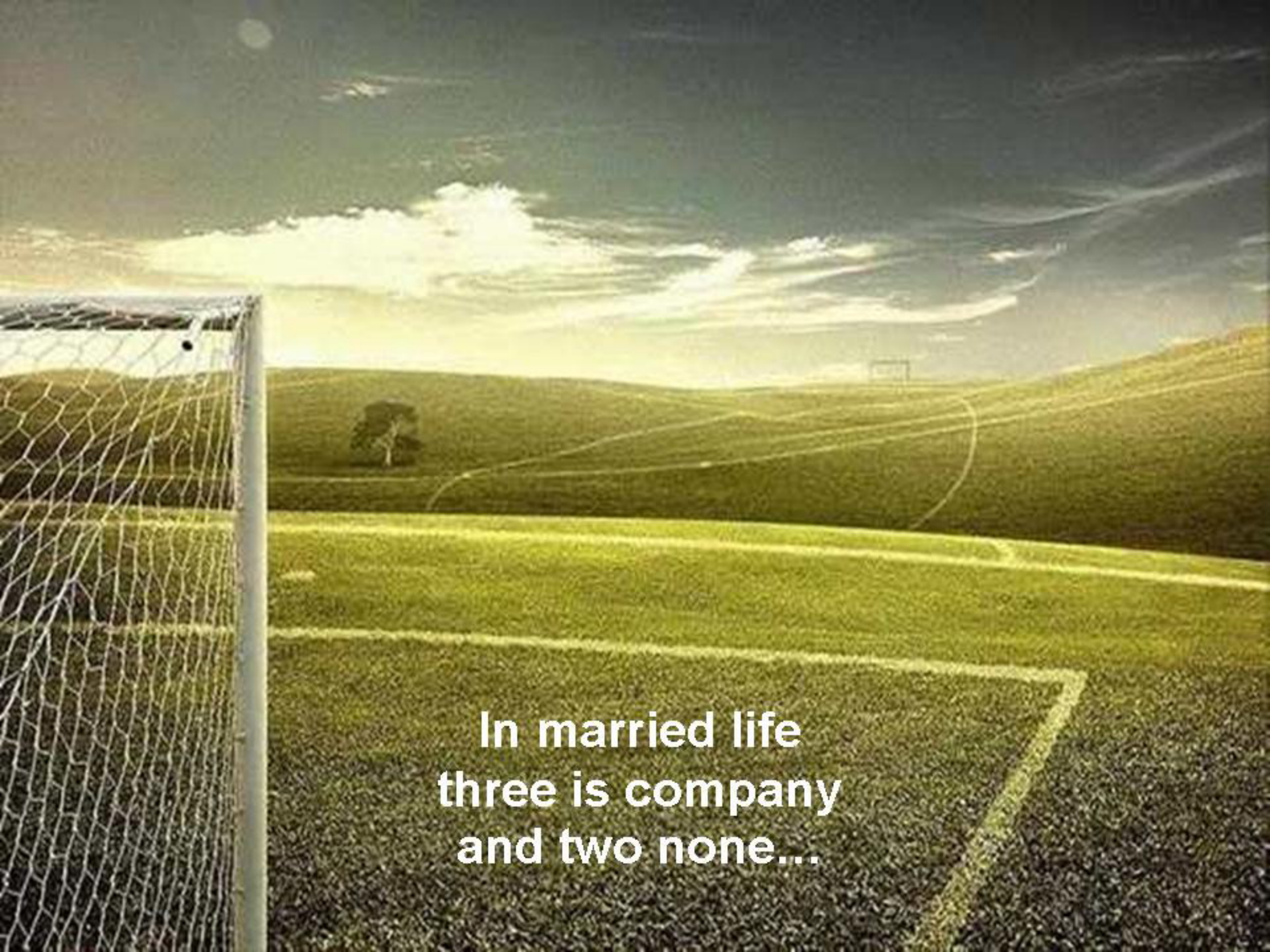
**Everything popular
is wrong...**

A serene tropical sunset scene. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a palm tree's fronds hangs down from the top left corner. A concrete pier extends from the bottom left into the calm water. A series of wooden pilings, some standing and some broken, form a line that recedes into the distance. In the middle ground, a small boat is visible on the water, positioned directly in front of the setting sun. The sun is a bright, glowing orb, partially obscured by a large, dark, billowing cloud. The sky is filled with soft, layered clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and grey. The water reflects the warm colors of the sunset and the silhouettes of the pier and boat.


**Hatred is blind,
as well as love...**

**In all matters of opinion,
our adversaries
are insane...**



A photograph of a soccer field during sunset. The field is green with white yard lines. On the left, a portion of a soccer goal and its net is visible. In the background, there are rolling hills, a single tree on the left, and another goalpost on the right. The sky is filled with clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden light across the scene.

**In married life
three is company
and two none...**



In modern life
nothing produces
such an effect
as a good platitude.
It makes
the whole world
kin...

**Experience is one thing
you can't get for nothing...**



**Life is far too important
to be taken
seriously...**

